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1. "Since my return to the Near East [REDACTED] I have been disturbed by a serious contradiction between (a) the recent moves by the US government to establish genuine cooperation with Arabs with impartiality in Palestine, and (b) increasing anti-US statements in the Arabic press and by Arab politicians both in Lebanon and in Jordan, where I recently spent a week. I think we have all realized for a long time that Arab attitudes toward the West have become more emotional than rational, and that public statements for domestic consumption tend to echo vague slogans of neutralism, Arab-League solidarity, and suspicion of imperialism.
2. "During my months of absence from the area, however, to an alarming extent Soviet propaganda would seem to have been swallowed wholesale by an increasing number of Arab publicists and leaders, with the notable exception of Iraq. For example, the vote of gratitude to the USSR sent by the Jordan Parliament for Vishinsky's pro-Arab veto in the UN Security Council, repeated demands for trade-pacts with the USSR, expressions of gratification that the West is bogged down in Indochina, some overt demands by extremists that USSR military aid be sought. In this letter I do not refer to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, of which I have no recent information.
3. "This race between a pro-Arab US policy and an anti-US Arab propaganda ought not to be prolonged. Bold leadership by courageous Arab leaders could end it to our advantage, but unfortunately, such leaders are either lacking or else (as in the case of Egypt) they are entangled in local national problems. Another way to win, while there is time, would be by a bold dramatic move from the US government to implement the Yarmuk River project for Arab refugees, to establish a really effective border-patrol between Israel and Jordan, or to offer open encouragement to federation of any two or more Near East nations."

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